

**Board of Fire Commissioners
LINDENWOLD FIRE DISTRICT No.1
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024
Meeting Place: Fire Administration Building
Meeting Called To Order: 7:30pm
Members of Board Present: **Chairman** – Richard Paul
Vice Chairman – Tamara DeLucca
Treasurer – Wayne Hans
Secretary – Frank Weindel
Commissioner – Frank DeLucca
District Clerk – Tiffany Beach
Solicitor – Jeffrey Catalano

Salute the Flag & Prayer

Sunshine Law – Comm. Paul

In accordance with the NJ Sunshine Law this meeting Notice of this meeting has been duly advertised in compliance with the provisions of the open public meetings law. Please be advised that this meeting will be recorded for possible later playback.

Roll Call Commissioners

All present.

Presentation of Award

Tonight an award was presented to Mr. Jones who assisted in the 401 East Linden Avenue fire from the Lindenwold Fire District for his selfless act when he entered into the resident home & assisted residents to safety. Mr. Jones thanked the District & the members of the department for all they do.

A brief break was taken for family members to take a few photographs.

Presentation by Conley Architects

Conley Architects presented to the Commission, the members, and the public present, with the most current site plan of the new building that will be located at 517 East Linden Avenue.

During the presentation various questions were asked by the residents in attendance and the commissioners of the board. Questions ranged from the lighting, the sizes, the bunk rooms, the type of roof, turning radius of the apparatus, etc. A copy of the presentation will be included with the minutes.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. Hans to approve the September 16, 2024 Board meeting minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? All in favor, ayes have it.

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. Hans to approve the September 9, 2024 Budget meeting minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? All in favor, ayes have it.

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. Hans to approve the October 7, 2024 Budget meeting minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? All in favor, ayes have it. Comm. T. DeLucca abstains.

Correspondence – Cl. Beach

Cl. Beach: We received a thank you card from the Stripolli's thanking the fire department for their assistance for the fire that occurred at their house.

Treasurer's Report – Comm. Hans

As of October 21, 2024

TD Bank Money Market Account	1,184,776.50
TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,571.33
TD Bank General Checking	386,656.90

Investment NJ ARM	2,110,629.08
Building NJ ARM	10,381,400.33
TD Bank Payroll Checking	33,251.12
TD Bank LEA Dedicated Penalty	5,578.36
TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,064.33
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Current Assets	14,120,127.95

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.
Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

Payment of Bills – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: In front of you, you have a list of 69 bills totaling \$5,178.59

Motion made by Comm. T. DeLucca seconded by Comm. Weindel to approve the payment of bills.

Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration / Personnel – Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Office of Fire Prevention – Fire Official Shannon

Comm. DeLucca: Fire Official's report for September 17, 2024– October 21, 2024 was read aloud, a copy is attached to the minutes.

Fire Department Equipment – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: All the new equipment that was ordered is coming in.

Turn-Out Gear – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We ordered 2 sets of gear. We are still waiting for it to come in.

Apparatus – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: The Ladder was sold & was picked up today. The Engine will be getting the tires replaced within the next few weeks.

Recruitment / Membership – Comm. F. DeLucca

No report.

S.O.G.'s – Comm. Paul

No report.

Fitness Center – Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. F. DeLucca: I understand why people are upset, the gym is a mess. There is trash all over. The building was turned over to us by the Borough a few years ago and we can't even put a coat of paint on it. It's a dump. I requested a copy today of the original grant if it exists all the equipment that was purchased & if anything else was attached to it. This is why people get nervous with government, it sucks. The code enforcement sites for high grass, I will not take my truck back there. Why does it need to be demolished and vacated in the next few weeks?

Comm. Paul: Frank let me answer that, in the next few weeks, we have people who are willing to move the stuff. The weather isn't bad & with the holidays coming up, people are going away. The members want to do it now. We have to break the equipment down & move it.

Comm. F. DeLucca: We don't know what is over there?

Comm. Paul: Go over there, you are in charge of the gym. Take inventory. The equipment is no longer being serviced because apparently you aren't returning his phone calls. He is supposed to service it every quarter.

Comm. F. DeLucca: What about the cleaning?

Comm. Paul: Call them. See if they are coming out.

Comm. F. DeLucca: You couldn't tell. You make the decisions.

Comm. Paul: I do not. You are in charge of the gym.

Comm. F. DeLucca: Yes, you do.

Comm. Paul: Okay then, I am making the decision to close the gym beginning tomorrow. I'll send out an email to get it cleaned out.

Comm. F. DeLucca: Why is it the responsibility of the firefighters to do it? They do enough.

Comm. Paul: They are willing to do it. Then I am going to make it your responsibility to clean it out. You are in charge of the gym. It needs to be done by December 1st.

Comm. F. DeLucca: Okay. Why does it need to be done by December 1st?

Comm. Paul: Because the members are willing to do it now. We are moving forward with the project.

Comm. Hans: Frank, I did put a feeler out there and talked to a few people. I told them to put a piece of tape on what they are using over there so we know. I haven't had any feedback as of yet. My opinion is to leave it open til the end of December.

Future Projects- Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: The presentation was tonight for the building. They are working on getting on the November Land Use Board agenda.

Communications – Comm. T DeLucca

No report.

Computers – Comm. T. DeLucca

No report.

Assist Personnel – Comm. Paul

No report.

Budget – Comm. Hans

No report.

Fixed Assets/Sale of Assets – Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. F DeLucca: The acquisition of selling equipment. I believe the Chief, is there anything going on with that? Surplus equipment, sending it down South

Chief Beeler: I did talk to someone about relocating some of the old equipment and donating it possible to the Carolina's since they were just hit with those bad storms but after talking to a few people they are inundated with donations right now.

Comm. T. DeLucca: I do know that Cherry Hill donates a lot of their old stuff to out of the country.

Comm. F. DeLucca: I am still not understanding why we got rid of the old Ladder truck before the new one came in?

Comm. T. DeLucca: Its gone. What are you going to do about it?

Comm. Paul: It was approved by resolution its gone.

Hydrants/ Water – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: I got a call that two hydrants were bad, one is at the corner of Cypress & Emerson, East Gibbsboro & Emerson was also repaired. NJ American Water did repair it & I took a ride by. If anyone has any issues with the hydrants let me know.

Building Maintenance / Grounds – Comm. Hans

No report.

Health & Safety – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: Physicals were done and everything went well.

Insurance – Comm. F. DeLucca

No report.

Incentive Program – Comm. Weindel

No report.

Uniforms – Comm. Weindel

Comm. Weindel: I set up a final fitting for John from Action to come at Station 1 on November 11th.

Training- Comm. Weindel

No report.

Fuel – Comm. Weindel

Comm. Weindel: New fuel cards will be here in February.

Chief's Report –Chief Beeler

Chief Beeler: The report was read aloud by Chief Beeler; a copy is attached to the minutes.

President's Report – Comm. Paul

N/A

Borough of Lindenwold – Councilman Morrissey

No report.

Solicitor – J. Catalano

No report.

Old Business – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Any old business? (hearing none)

New Business – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Tonight, we will be swearing in a new member, Shelby Deterding. Sol Catalano swore Shelby in as a firefighter.

Public Portion – Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Weindel, seconded by Comm. Hans to open to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

Paul Maurice resident of Lindenwold, retired firefighter of Barrington: Why don't you have an associate member in the Borough of Lindenwold Fire Department? Why?

Chief Beeler: Associate membership is made for the fire stations themselves. The Fire District does not have need for associate members as we are funded by the Borough. If you wanted to join an associate membership, you will have to go to each station and apply at the station.

Comm. Paul: First Tuesday of the month is the department meetings.

John Honer of Patricia Avenue: Just a great job, from Jeff, Rob, the Chiefs and the member for getting this done. We started this many years ago and it is great to see it happen. Any access equipment you want to get rid of we could possibly put it on display in the new station or donate it to the Dominican Republic.

Leigh Weaver: 98 Oak Street Apt 4805 As a member of the department, we are willing and ready to help with anything that comes with getting these buildings cleaned up and cleared out.

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca, to close to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

Resolutions – Comm. Paul

Resolution 2024-30– RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING AIR SYSTEM.

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca as read. Any questions?

Comm. F. DeLucca: Yeah I have a question. Chief can you explain that?

Chief Beeler: We will be utilizing the cascade money from the sale of the mobile cascade system that we sold to Blackwood. The system will be installed at No.2 until it will get moved into the new building. It is used to fill the air bottles. We are currently relying on other departments to help assist with filling our bottles.

Roll call vote all yes.

Open to Commissioners – Comm. Paul

Comm. Weindel: Just wanted to thank the public for coming out tonight.

Comm. F. DeLucca: Thank the public and please make us aware and include the public in this process. They are talking about planning board; it's now called land use. Lastly, the defunked of Lindenwold Fire Company made a \$1,000 donation to Samaritan's purse. It was a process with a member who lives down there.

Adjourn – Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. T. DeLucca seconded by Comm. Hans to adjourn the meeting at 9:23.

Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it.

Lindenwold Fire District No.1
Balance Sheet
As of October 21, 2024

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · CASH	
1011 · TD Bank Money Market Acco...	1,184,776.50
1013 · TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,571.33
1015 · General Checking 3	386,656.90
1016 · Investment NJ ARM	2,110,629.08
1017 · Building- NJ ARM	10,381,400.33
1020 · TD Bank Payroll Checking	33,251.12
1030 · TD Bank LEA Dedicated Pen...	5,578.36
1040 · TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,064.33
1090 · Petty Cash	200.00
Total 1000 · CASH	14,120,127.95
Total Checking/Savings	14,120,127.95
Total Current Assets	14,120,127.95
TOTAL ASSETS	14,120,127.95
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Resolution 2024-30

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an Air Cascade System

WHEREAS, pursuant to 40A:11-11, contracting units are permitted to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements, whereby permitting them use of those awarded contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Lindenwold Fire District had authorized by Resolution membership in the Houston-Galveston Area Council ("HGAC") which can be utilized to order products through their fair and open process that satisfies the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11 *et seq.* without further competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the HGAC is a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contracting unit within the State of Texas that utilizes a competitive bid or competitive proposal process in awarding contracts for goods and services and is authorized by law to extend its contracts to local government units nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Lindenwold Fire District proposes to enter into a contract to purchase One (1) EagleAir® Model BHB10W3D2U BlackhawkCFS Breathing Air Compressor System from Airpower International as provided for in the August 19, 2024 proposal (attached as Exhibit A) for a total cost of \$67,950.00 under the provisions of the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the purchase will come from existing funds from the sale of the previous Cascade System, sold previously for \$75,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lindenwold Fire District that:

1. The Lindenwold Fire District does hereby approve the purchase of One (1) EagleAir® Model BHB10W3D2U BlackhawkCFS Breathing Air Compressor System from Airpower International in the total amount of as provided for in the August 19, 2024 proposal (attached as Exhibit A) for a total cost of \$67,950.00.
2. The Lindenwold Fire District authorizes the execution of a contract for the purchase of One (1) EagleAir® Model BHB10W3D2U BlackhawkCFS Breathing Air Compressor System from Airpower International in the total amount of as provided for in the August 19, 2024 proposal (attached as Exhibit A) for a total cost of \$67,950.00.

This resolution shall take effect immediately

By: 

Richard J. Paul Jr, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Frank Weindel, Secretary

Date: 10/21/2024

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners held on October 18, 2024.


Frank Weindel, Secretary

Certification

I, Wayne Hans, Treasurer of the Board of Fire Commissioners, do hereby certify to the Board of Fire Commissioners that funds are available for entering into a contract for One (1) EagleAir® Model BHB10W3D2U BlackhawkCFS Breathing Air Compressor System through the HGAC, to be approved in Resolution 2024-30.


Wayne Hans, Treasurer

10-21-24
Date



LINDENWOLD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Report

September 16th to October 21st

78 calls for service

No significant calls for service

With the tower Ladder being sold and OOS I have discussed with the mutual aid chiefs from Stratford, Wet Berlin and Clementon about ensuring they respond with their Ladder trucks when called. They are all in agreement and understood.

New equipment being ordered, As it comes in it is recorded and prepared to be put in service.

The county has started using the new CAD system and it has issues. We have been working on documenting issues we have personally experienced and between the county and our IT guys we continue to monitor this.

We attended several fire preventions including our own as well as assisting the FM at the schools.

We have promoted Albert Smith 3rd and Tyler Venuto to Officer Candidate status. They will be assigned jobs as a Lieutenant would, take on training newer members and learn more of command roles.

We are actively moving all department property to station 2 from station 1.

We have attended or are attending several boro functions this month.

There are several road projects in the boro either happening or coming up. 1 significant project will be milling and repaving of Linden Ave. as we are made aware of these I try to ensure its put out on email, text message or the slack app so everyone is aware.

Training

We have member attending several different classes this month

Training had a meeting laying out the remainder of the year for drill schedules

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

10/21/2024

September 17, 2024 to October 21, 2024

Inspections Completed:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Elba's Bridal
Commitment Community Church
Ryan Banský Tree Service
Robinson's Enterprise

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Rectory
514 Emerson LLC group Home
Mamma Rosa Rest.
Chadwick Village

Re- Inspections:

CSL Plasma
Dalvin's Barber Shop
Maidpro
Chews Landing Cleaners
J & G Auto Center
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Mo's Pizza
AXO Restaurant
La Tapatia
Conoco Gas Station

19

Family Dollar Store
Center for Family Services
Tayrex
US Gas Station
C&H Auto Repair
FAD3D
Crown Fried Chicken
Taqueria La Villita
Meineke

Complaints Received 4

Tangled Headz Barber Blackwood Clementon Road
Family Dollar Store Blackwood Clementon Road
Lindenwold Center Blackwood Clementon Road
360 7th Ave

Imminent Hazard 0

Requested Response 1

09/26/2024 The Pines 550 Bilper Ave Apartment 5710

Civilian Burn Report 0